

PLATFORM OF THE Independent Home-Rule PARTY.

Adopted in Island Convention in Honolulu, H. I., June 7, 1900.

PREAMBLE.

"We believe that all governments founded on an independent basis should be assured of freedom without oppression. We believe in equal rights and freedom for all the people.

"We believe man was born with a right to be independent and that every person is equal in the eye of the law. We believe that he is endowed with all the privileges of life, liberty and the right to choose that which will contribute to his best advantage. We believe in protection against suppression. We believe that we should strive to secure equal rights for the people, by the people and of the people.

"Equal rights for the people," is the motto adopted in the platform.

"The belief of the independent party is that the successful candidates in the legislature of the Territory of Hawaii should strive in every way to secure the consent of the congress of the United States to make a state of the Territory of Hawaii and pledge ourselves to support all good and equal provisions that either the republican or democratic parties of the United States may see fit to enact.

"We further pledge ourselves to support that political party in the United States that will work to make Hawaii a state.

"We intend to strive in every way possible to secure from the United States benefits and privileges for the natives and other citizens alike who will work together for the good of the country, regardless of color. We also intend to strive toward the end that our representatives shall formulate the best laws for the people.

"Our legislators should strive to obtain homesteads for the people out of the lands that have been taken over by the United States.

"They should also strive to set aside an appropriation for damages by fire, caused by the burning of Chinatown and other places by the board of health in connection with the suppression of bubonic plague in 1900.

"They should further strive to encourage education, industrial pursuits, farming, road making, railroads and both foreign and local commerce that will redound to the advantage of the country.

"We stand opposed to monopolies, to any attempt at a restriction of the voting privileges of natives or citizens who think as they do, that might be attempted later. We stand opposed to the heavy taxation of the people, the restriction of the jury rights of the natives and to all other restriction of the rights of the people.

"We declare that labor, other than by contract on government work, either mechanical or industrial, shall not exceed eight hours a day.

"Labor on government contracts or otherwise, either direct or indirect, shall be performed by citizens of the Territory of Hawaii.

"We shall encourage the importation of labor into the Territory of Hawaii from the citizenship of the United States.

"We pledge ourselves to resist the furtherance of trusts in the Territory of Hawaii.

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Li Hung Chang Asks for American Recruit—Prince Ching a Prisoner—American Troops to Withdraw.

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PEKING, Sept. 2.—(Via Taku, Sept. 1, via Shanghai Sept. 12.)—Looting in Peking continues, both authorized and unauthorized. Few houses are guarded except those occupied by foreigners, the palaces and those in the sacred city. Almost every house is destitute of furniture.

General Chaffee says he could not have believed that any city would ever be given over so completely to looting and he earnestly desires the co-operation of any nation to prevent this.

On the other hand the missionaries complain because the sacred city has not been looted. They urge that the royal family and other highly placed Chinese personages who were behind all trouble should be made to suffer more than those who blindly followed them.

General Fukushima, the Japanese commander, informed General Chaffee that brutal outrages were being committed in Tung Chow. He told the American commander that he had positive information that many women had thrown themselves into wells or committed suicide in other ways, after having been outraged and that there were several authentic cases of coolies who had been killed under peculiarly atrocious conditions. He requested General Chaffee to investigate and then to co-operate with him to check these barbarities as far as possible. General Chaffee ordered Major Muir to proceed immediately to Tung Chow and to report.

At a council of generals today the Russian general, Linewitch, said he had received information that two forces of Boxers, one numbering 10,000 and the other 4,000, were marching from the south to endeavor to cut the communications of the allies between Peking and Tientsin. It was finally decided that the line was sufficiently guarded, as the allies would certainly receive definite tidings of the approach of the Boxers in time to mobilize at any given point. The council merely issued orders for increased vigilance on the part of the outposts.

The telegraph line has been closed against press messages because of the enormous government business.

EARL LI HUNG CHANG ASKS AMERICAN ESCORT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—A cable dispatch from Earl Li Hung Chang has been received giving the text of an imperial edict, directing him to proceed at once to Peking and there co-operate with Prince Ching in the negotiations for peace. The edict is issued by the emperor and is dated August 27. Sir Robert Hart, director of imperial customs, is directed to secure facilities for the trip. The officials are also asked to afford Li Hung Chang protection and to facilitate his movement. In accordance with this last instruction from the throne, Earl Li asks that a request be made for a government vessel on which he can make the trip from Shanghai and Minister Wu will probably ask that the United States designate a vessel to carry the Chinese statesman.

The edict was delivered by Minister Wu to Acting Secretary Hill this morning. The text will not be made public until the reply of the United States is determined upon. If the United States decided to comply with Li Hung Chang's request, there are now available for this purpose the gunboats Nashville and Princeton and the battleship Oregon. The two former vessels are at Shanghai and the battleship is at Woo Sung, the man-of-war anchoring just below Shanghai. The cruiser New Orleans was at Woo Sung until yesterday, when she sailed for Shanghai. She could have been employed for this service to great advantage owing to her high speed capacity. It is presumed that Earl Li has asked for a United States vessel because of rumors that the allied commanders at Taku had decided to take him into custody upon his arrival there. Earl Li has had information that Admiral Remy had dissented from such an agreement.

There are undoubtedly Chinese warships in the neighborhood of Shanghai that could take him to Tientsin, but he is afraid if he boards one of them he will be interrupted by some foreign power.

AMERICAN TROOPS ARE TO LEAVE CHINA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—(Exclusive Dispatch)—It now looks as if the United States were entering upon the last stages of the Chinese business. Minister Wu today settled one important question by taking to the state department copies of Li Hung Chang's credentials, appointing him envoy for the settlement of all differences. Now the state department knows exactly where it stands, and knows that when it does negotiate with China through Earl Li the results of the negotiations will be binding upon the Chinese government.

This question about whom to negotiate with having been settled, the government today sent another note to

the powers telling them that conscription action evidently being a good way off, the United States had decided to enter upon negotiations with China on its own behalf, with a view to settling existing differences, arranging for an indemnity and ultimately withdrawing entirely from the empire. It will be recalled that a note to this effect was prepared at the state department several days ago. It went forward today, because there seemed to be no occasion for longer withholding it.

It is probable that within ten days negotiations between the United States and China will open. China will hardly parley much over this country, for there are indications that she is very grateful for what this government has done for her and will grant without unnecessary delay any demands made. The indemnity question will have to be settled first but that will not be the most important one. The administration will make strong demands upon China for advantageous commercial treaties, which will be of more value to this country than any amount of indemnity China would be able to pay.

PRINCE CHING HELD BY THE JAPANESE

PEKING, Aug. 26.—(Via Taku, Sept. 10, and Shanghai, Sept. 11.)—The Japanese found Prince Ching, leader of the conservative pro-foreign party in the western hills, twenty miles distant, and are holding him there with the view of a conference and in the hope that he may establish communication with the dowager empress.

Papers have been found in the emperor's room at the palace containing lists of the foreigners killed and the foreigners' property destroyed. The search upon the part of the allies for Chinese troops has been suspended.

MINISTER CONGER TO GO TO SHANGHAI

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says that unless Minister Conger, in reply to questions sent by cable to him nearly a week ago by direction of the president, gives better reasons than are now conceived here for his continuance at Peking he will be instructed to remove the American legation without delay to Shanghai. General Chaffee's troops will escort the minister and leave for Taku and Admiral Remy will take them on the Brooklyn to the Chinese metropolis, making that port the meeting place for his fleet. The main American military force will probably not remain on Chinese territory after October 1, and its withdrawal from Peking may be a matter of less than ten days.

EMPEROR AND EMPRESS WATCHING FROM AFAR.

New York, Sept. 15.—A despatch to the Herald from Peking says:
The Empress Dowager and the Emperor, with 8000 troops as a guard, are now staying with a Mongol prince in Mongolia, 150 miles northwest of Peking, watching events here. No pursuit of them is intended by the foreign troops. If Peking is to be held, immediate steps must be taken to meet the problem of a food supply for half a million population or else there will be certain starvation next winter.

The yearly contribution of all the southern provinces of a hundred thousand tons of rice for the Peking Manchus is stopped by the military operations and part of it has been confiscated at Tientsin.

The Russians are keenly pushing their interests. There are 8000 of them now here. In Manchuria they report fighting everywhere with Chinese troops, pointing to permanent occupation down to the great wall at Shanghai-Kwan.

The Japanese have 10,000 men here. They occupy the whole north part of the city, the largest and richest share of all. They seized two million taels of silver in the Board of Revenue.

PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL CREATES GREAT ALARM.

Shanghai, Sept. 15.—News of the contemplated withdrawal of the allies from Peking has caused a great sensation and is considered a mistake which is likely to eventuate in disturbances in other parts of China, where the people are certain to attribute the evacuation to a defeat of the European forces. Even here, the Chinese as a whole, do not believe that the allies ever reached Peking. They think the story a fabrication concocted for the purpose of imposing upon the officials.

Competent observers believe that a lesson must be brought home to China now in order to prevent serious outbreaks in the future.

Taku, Wednesday, Sept. 12.—All the Boxers against whom an expedition of allies was sent to the westward had left the vicinity of Taku four days previous to the arrival of the troops.

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